

# Frog Proof Security

*Elevating DevSecOps for Tomorrow's  
Challenges*



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# Binaries are the **SINGLE SOURCE** for All Your Software



# New Developer Tools are Constantly and Rapidly Introduced



*GitHub  
Copilot*



*Sourcegraph  
Cody*



*Windsurf*



*Amazon Q*



*Claude  
Code*



*JFrog fly*



*Cline*



*Gemini*



*Goose*



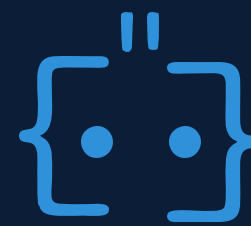
*Qodo*



*Codex*



*Devin*



*Augment*



*Cursor*



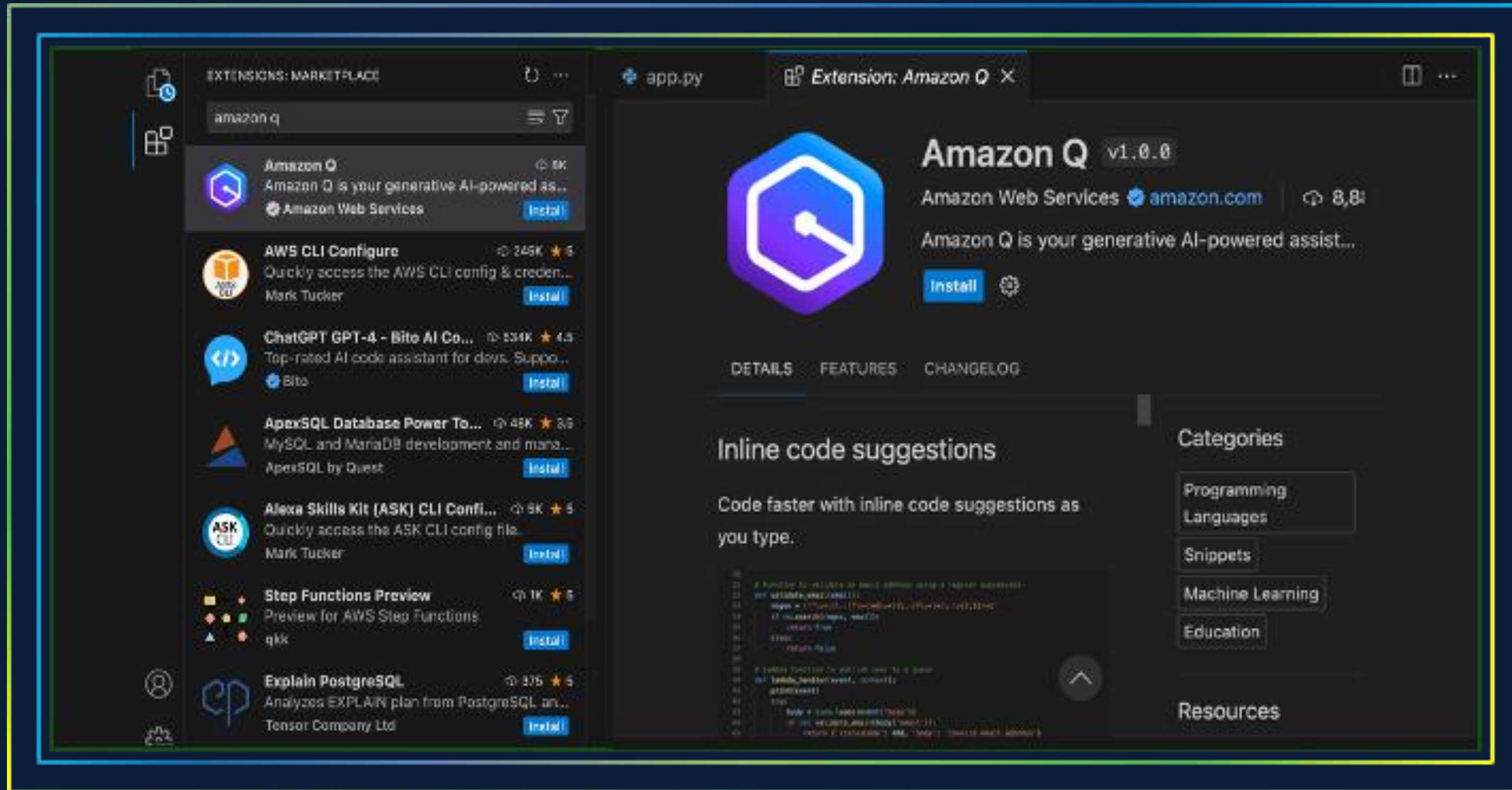
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# New is where **Threat Actors Thrive**



# Let's look at one attack...




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**The Register**


## Compromised Amazon Q extension told AI to delete everything – and it shipped

Malicious actor reportedly sought to expose AWS 'security theater'

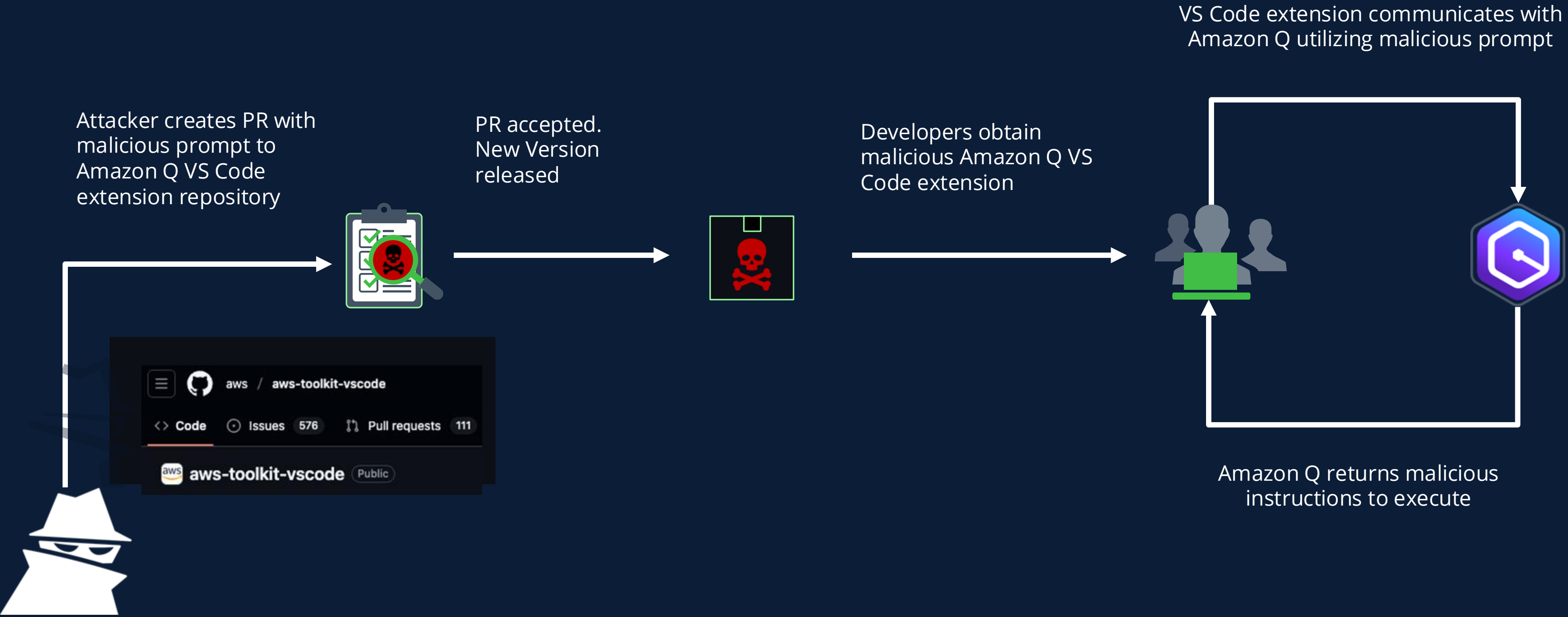
 [Tim Anderson](#) Thu 24 Jul 2025 // 14:26 UTC

The official Amazon Q extension for Visual Studio Code (VS Code) was compromised to include a prompt to wipe the user's home directory and delete all their AWS resources.

The bad extension was live on the VS Code marketplace for two days, though it appears that the intent was more to embarrass AWS and expose bad security rather than to cause immediate harm.



# How it Happened:



# SSC Threat Entry Points

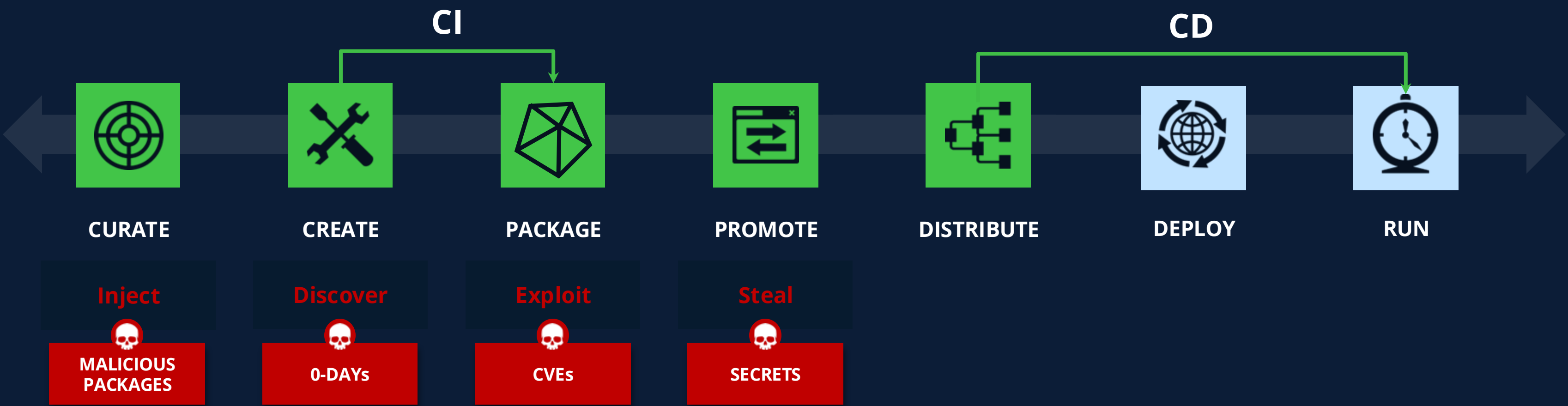




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# NPM Package Hijack Overview ("Shai-Hulud" and co.)

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Packages  
compromised

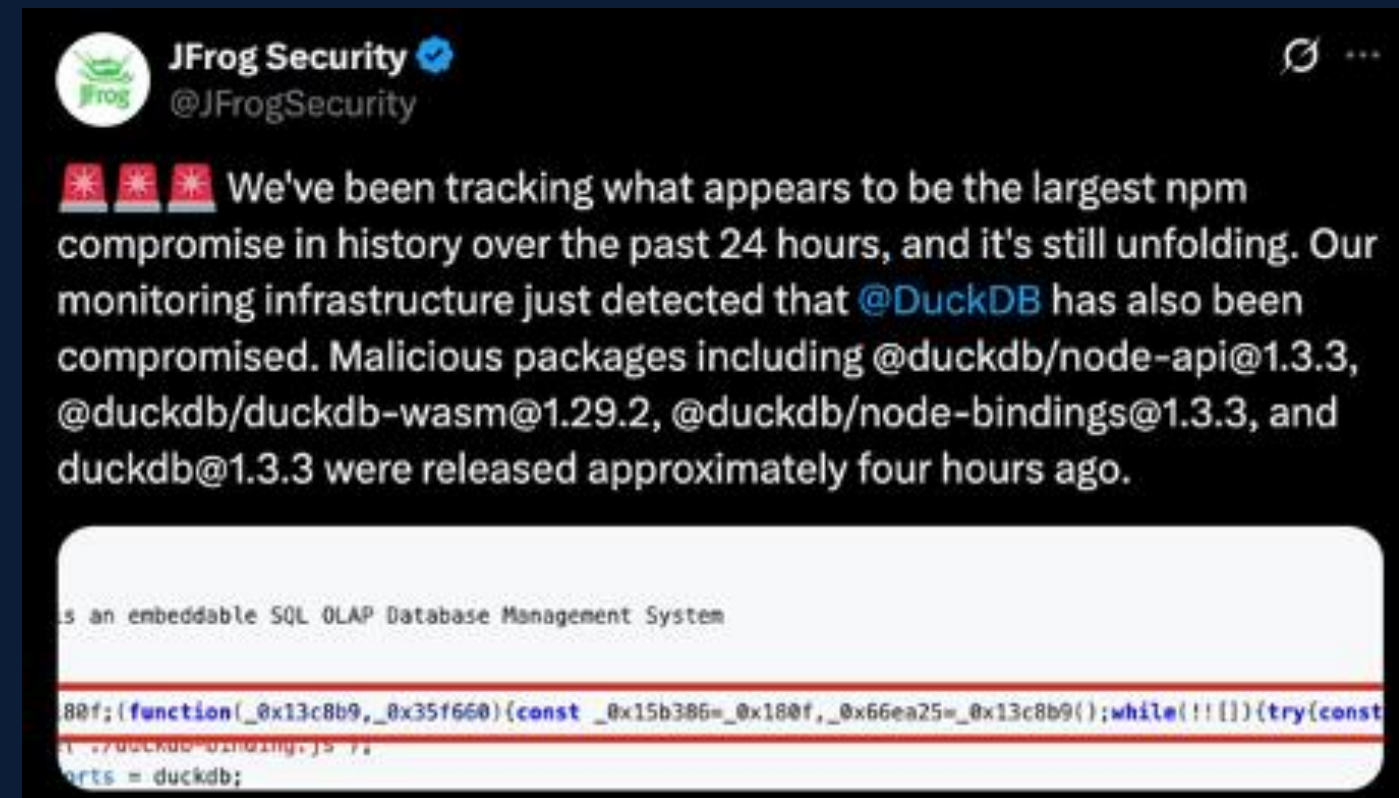


2M

Downloads  
of compromised  
package  
versions

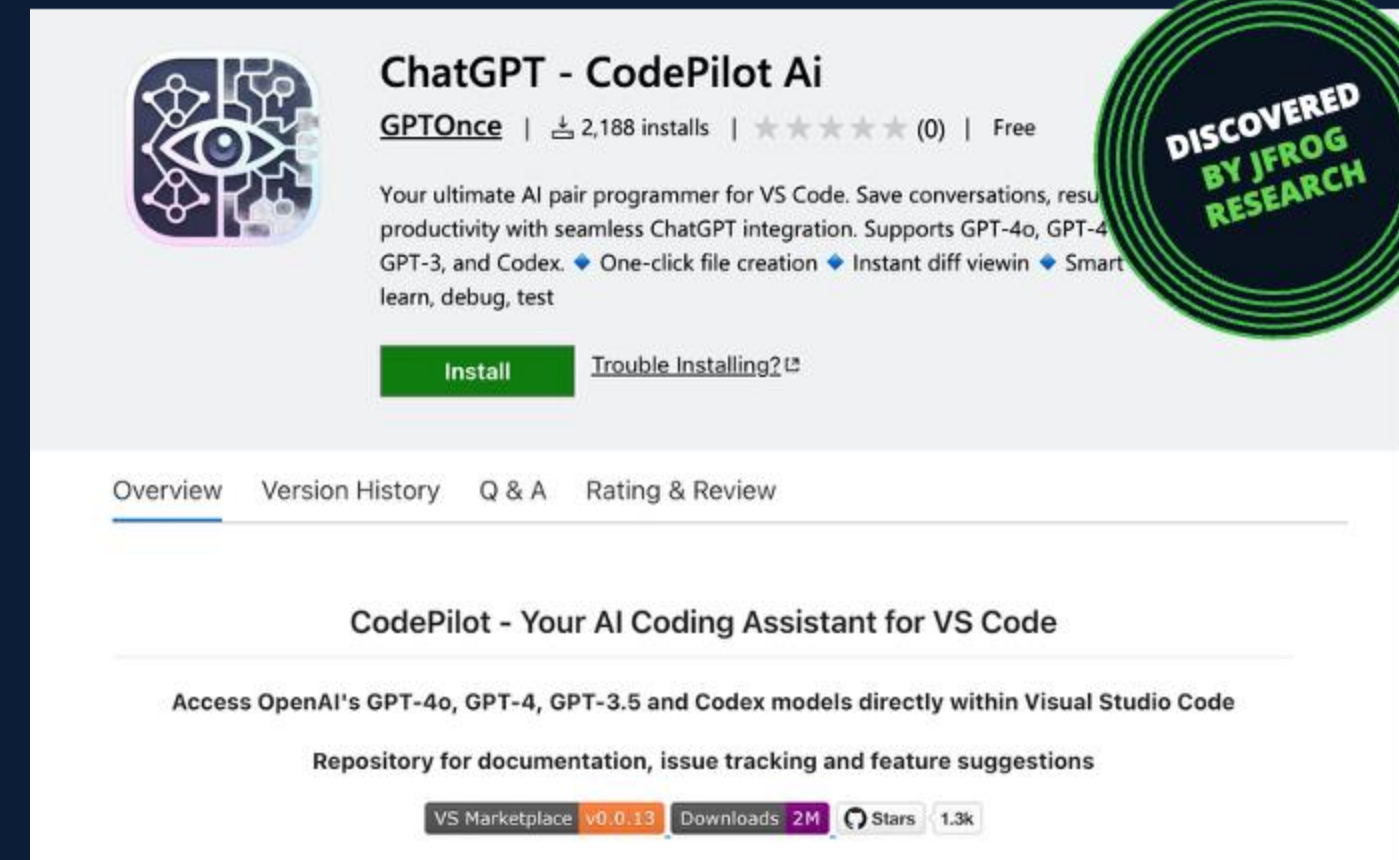
Attackers injected malicious code  
to intercept and divert crypto  
currency transactions

- JFrog was first to report 5 of the compromised packages
- Other packages identified by JFrog security scanners and marked as 'malicious' within just hours
- Several JFrog customers remained seamlessly protected with Curation blocking the risk





# Yet another Malicious NPM Package....



Same malware, same attacker - Now on VSCode



















But this not just a VSCode issue

# But this isn't just for VSCode...

## Extensions for VS Code Compatible Editors

All Categories▼

5214 ResultsSort by Relevance⌵

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## How installing a fake extension from Open VSX led to cryptocurrency theft

This is a story of how a blockchain developer lost US\$500 000 to a fake Solidity extension from the Open VSX marketplace.



**zak.eth**

@0xzak




I've been in crypto for over 10 years and I've Never been hacked. Perfect OpSec record.

Yesterday, my wallet was drained by a malicious [@cursor\\_ai](#) extension for the first time.

If it can happen to me, it can happen to you. Here's a full breakdown.




# Spot the Malicious Extension

**solidity**  
Ethereum Solidity Language for Visual Studio Code  
juanblanco

📦 61K ★ 5

Install



**solidity**  
Ethereum Solidity Language for Visual Studio Code  
juanblanco

📦 2M ★ 5

Install





# Why do SCA tools SUCK?!

(at detecting malicious packages)

## Why SCA Sucks (at detecting malicious packages)



@JFrogSecurity

Strong piece from SourceCodeRed [sourcecodeder.com/sca-sucks/](https://sourcecodeder.com/sca-sucks/)

If traditional SCA struggles to spot malicious packages, what sets JFrog's malicious-package detection apart?

Our approach combines **in-house scanners, curated public databases focused specifically on malicious packages** (for example, OpenSSF), and continuous monitoring of attack activity.

That proactive, layered strategy has let us identify true "zero-day" malicious packages in the wild, including:

1. PyPI: mcp-runcmd-server  
[research.jfrog.com/post/3-malicio...](https://research.jfrog.com/post/3-malicio...)

2. PyPI: soopsocks  
[research.jfrog.com/post/check-you...](https://research.jfrog.com/post/check-you...)

3. npm: toolkdvv  
[jfrog.com/blog/malicious...](https://jfrog.com/blog/malicious...)

## The Solution

We Need to Curate the  
Packages used in + the  
Tools used to  
**Develop Software**

# Prevent The Next Attack With JFrog Curation

## JFrog's security research team investigated the lifespan of hijack attack

- Point Developers to Artifactory
- Set policies to eliminate hijack attack risk

Block new/immature packages (based on age)

- Make "Compliant Version Selection" effortless

Divert package managers to mature versions for a seamless dev experience

The screenshot displays the 'New Curation Policy' configuration page in the JFrog Curation console. The breadcrumb trail at the top reads: 'All Projects > Curation > Policies > New Curation Policy'. On the left, a vertical progress indicator shows five steps: 1. Policy Name, 2. Scope, 3. Policy Condition, 4. Waivers (Optional), and 5. Actions & Notifications. The main form area contains the following fields:

- Policy Name:** 'Immature Package' (with a dropdown arrow).
- Scope:** 'Organization-wide' (with a dropdown arrow).
- Policy Condition:** 'Package version is immature (moderate)' (with a dropdown arrow and a wrench icon).
- Waivers (Optional):** (with a dropdown arrow).
- Actions & Notifications:** A section titled 'Select the required action if a violation occurs' containing two buttons: 'Block' (selected, with a red prohibition icon) and 'Dry run' (with a bell icon).

On the right, a 'Curation Policy Details' sidebar provides a summary of the configuration:

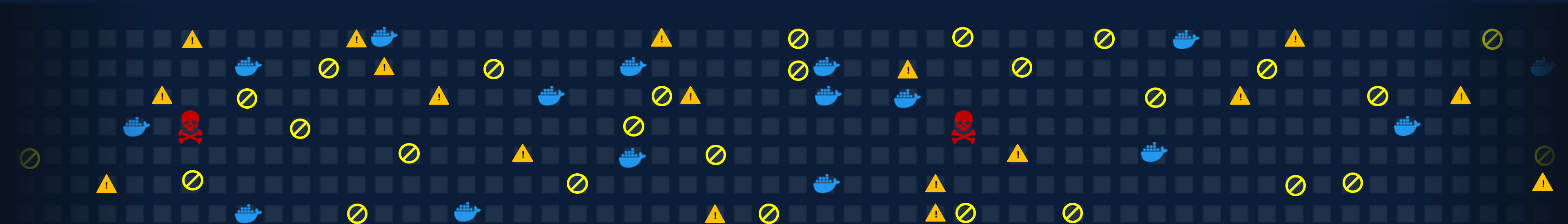
- Policy Name:** Immature Package
- Scope:** Organization-wide
- Policy Condition:** Package version is immature (moderate) (with a wrench icon and 'Operational' status).
- Supported:** npm, Python, V, GO, Docker, Helm, and 4 others (+4).
- Description:** Detects 3rd party packages whose version release date is less than 14 days old. Immature packages might impose an operational risk due to the fact that they have not yet been tested sufficiently for factors such as stability, scale and more.
- Policy Effectiveness:** [Covered Repositories List](#) (with an information icon).

At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save Policy' buttons.

Live Audit

12 Month period

**~110k New Packages**  
Downloaded



**4**

Malicious

**1,253**

CVEs

**3,803**

Licenses violations

**1,021**

Operational Risks

**11,000**

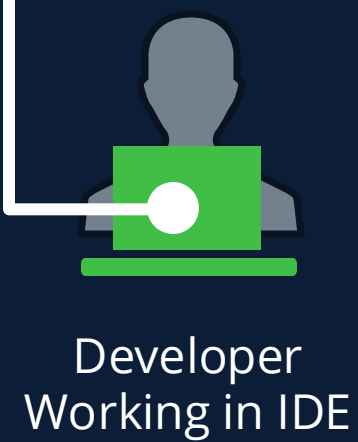
hours of remediation saved

**Curation Works.**



# Curating Developer Extensions

```
// in the file product.json in VSC folder  
"serviceUrl":  
"<YOUR_ARTIFACTORY_EXTENSION  
_GALLERY_URL>"
```



IDE Ext.



Artifactory  
Extensions Gallery  
(Remote Repo)




Curation










Catalog

# The Challenge




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@juanfranblanco



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The extension that was impersonating vscode solidity (and many others following the same pattern) have been removed. We have seen that a fake extension or virus can spam many downloads (if that was their technique). So how to identify is the right extension? The best way is to look at the published date. The vscode solidity extension was published on the 2015-11-19 at 7:35 am, the published date cannot be faked. The extension was one of the first ones in the marketplace, after the official announcement of the extension sdk the day before. So in case of doubt, when choosing any extension.. check the date. @ethereum @code



solidity

Juan Blanco | 1,504,337 | ★★★★★ (25)

Ethereum Solidity Language for Visual Studio Code


Disable

Uninstall

Auto Update








DETAILS

FEATURES



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In OpenVSX (used by cursor) this is the right extension [open-vsx.org/extension/juan...](https://open-vsx.org/extension/juanblanco/solidity) OpenVSX allows you to download and view older versions of the extension, this is the best way to validate fake extensions there as you can see the first time that the extension was published there was 5 years ago and it was version 0.095.

Documentation

Working Group

0.0.177

0.0.176

0.0.174

0.0.173

0.0.171

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0.0.164

0.0.133

extensions - see our announcement.



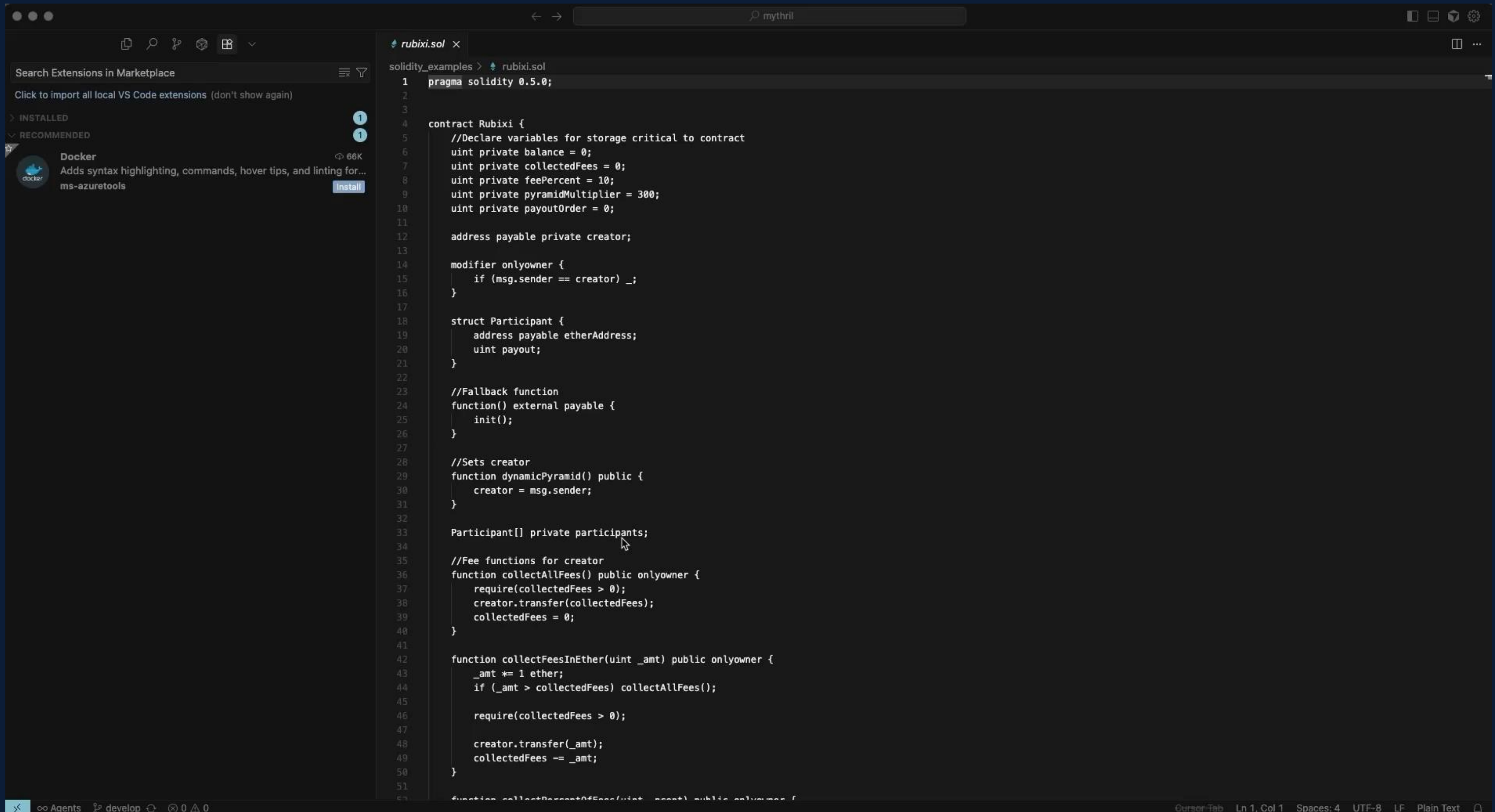
solidity

✓ juanblanco | Published by juanfranblanco | MIT

Ethereum Solidity Language for Visual Studio Code

64K downloads | ★★☆☆☆ (4)

# Developer Extension Security Scope

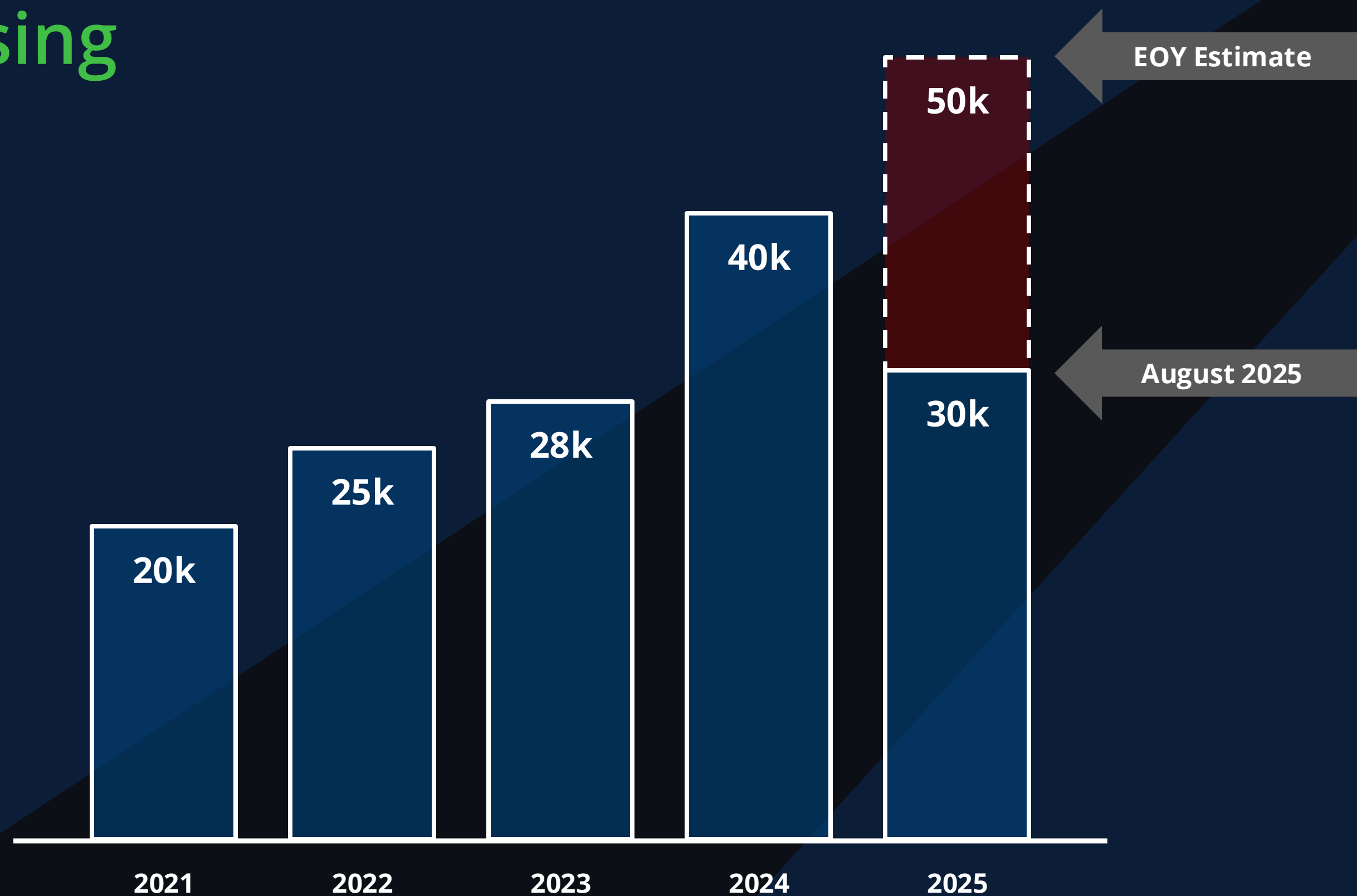


**While attackers are  
targeting the new**

**Developers are  
Swamped by the old**



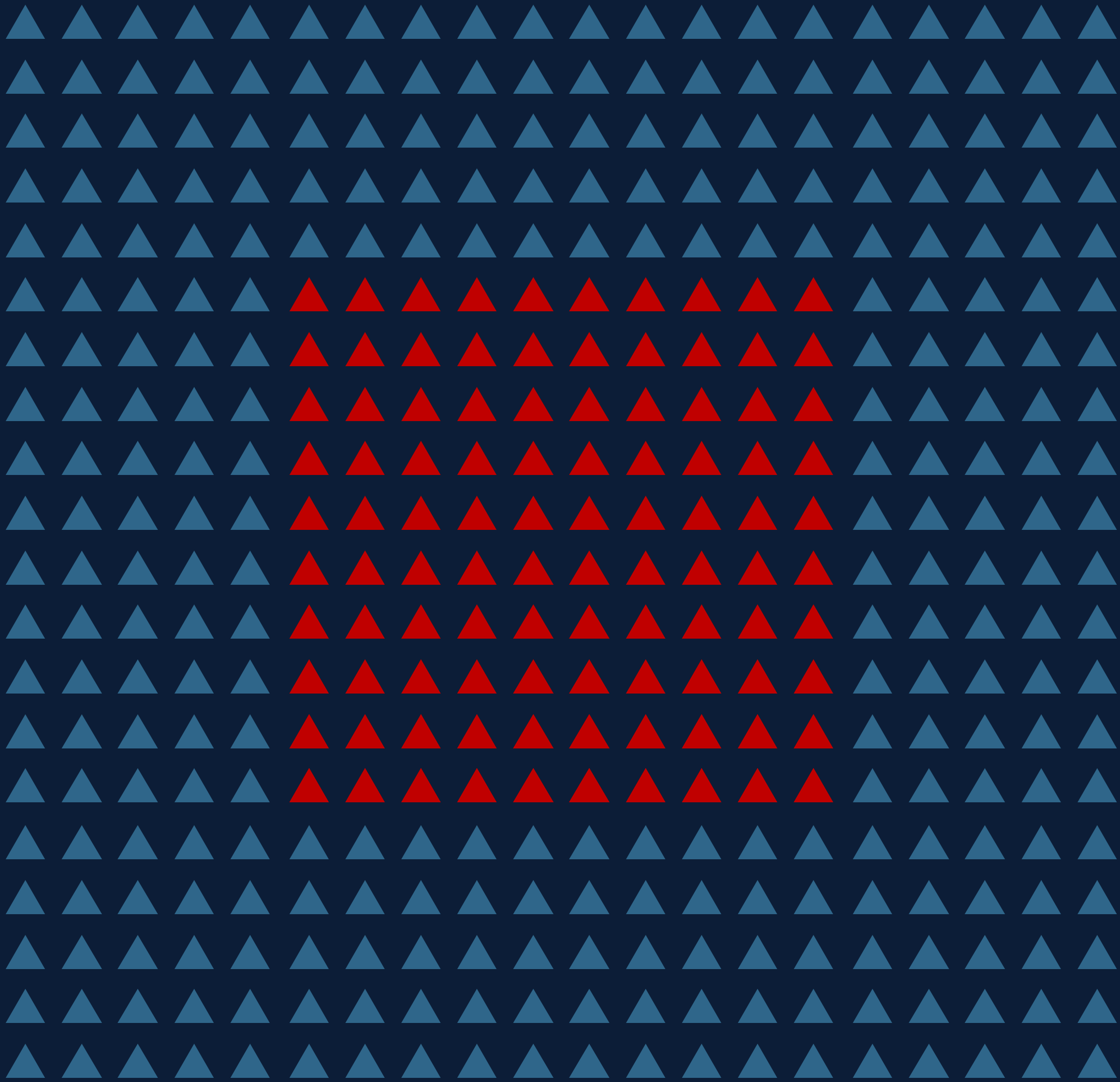
# Number of CVEs are Ever Increasing



SLA times for Fixing CVEs  
are Constantly Decreasing



**We need to focus on**  
CVEs that are Critical  
that Can be Exploited  
and Running in Production





88%

of critical severity CVEs  
are grossly inflated

Exploitation Requires the Victim to  
**Download and Execute an  
Untrusted Malicious Package**



## 🚨 CVE-2023-29402 Detail

### Description

The go command may generate unexpected code at build time when using cgo. This may result in unexpected behavior when running a go program which uses cgo. This may occur when running an untrusted module which contains directories with newline characters in their



NIST: NVD

Base Score:

9.8 CRITICAL

ADP: CISA-ADP

Base Score:

9.8 CRITICAL



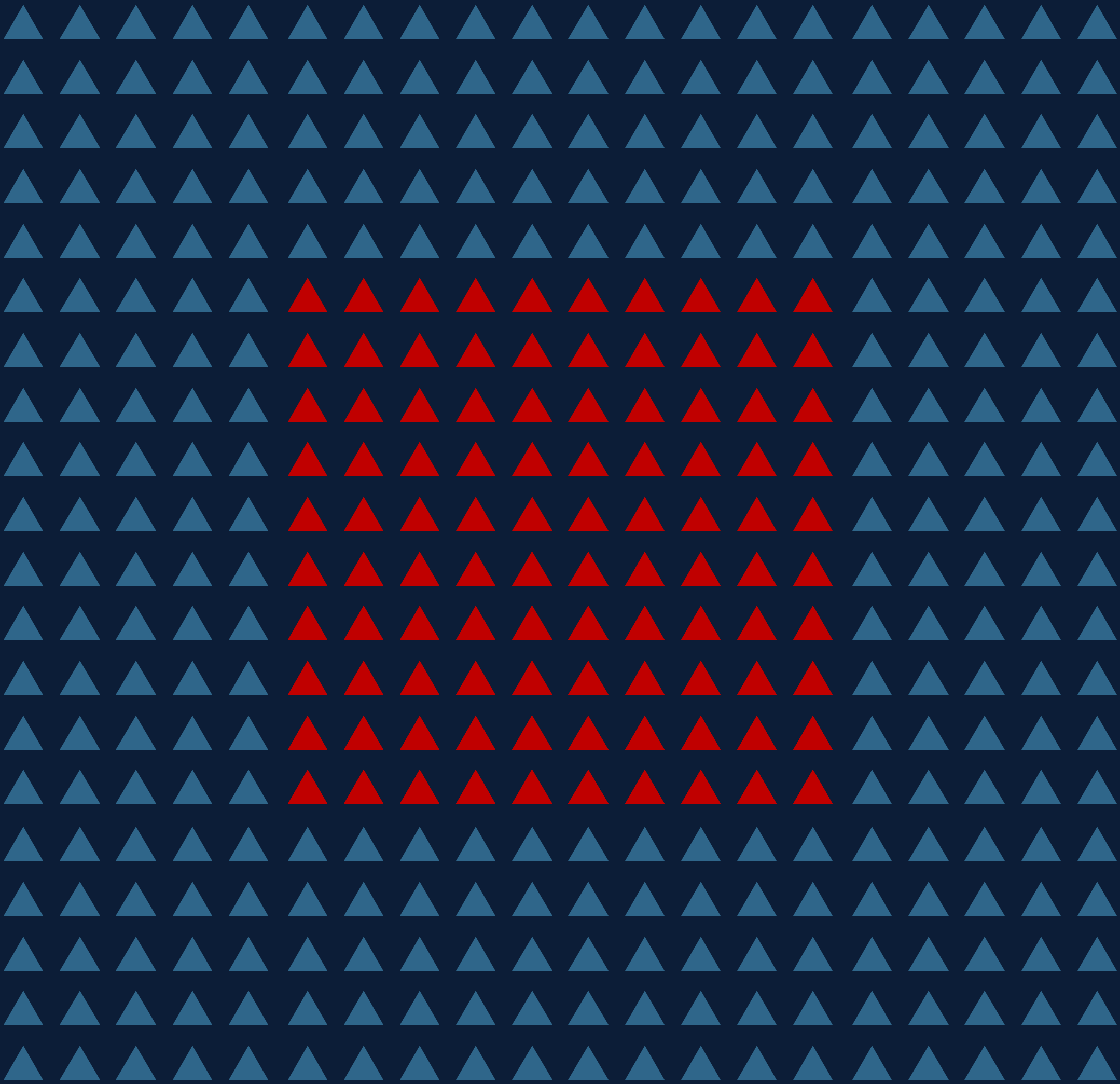
Enriched data by JFrog  
security research team

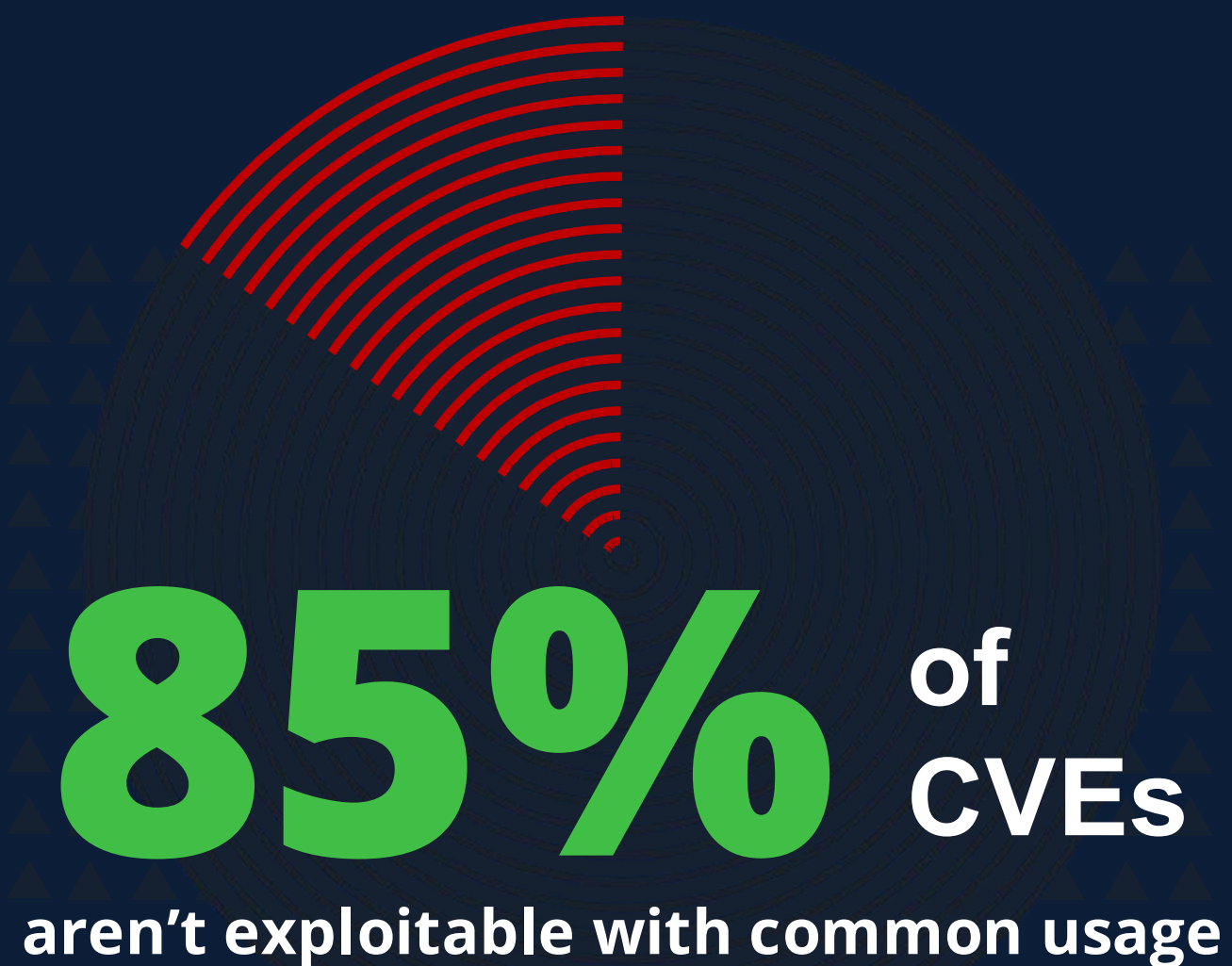
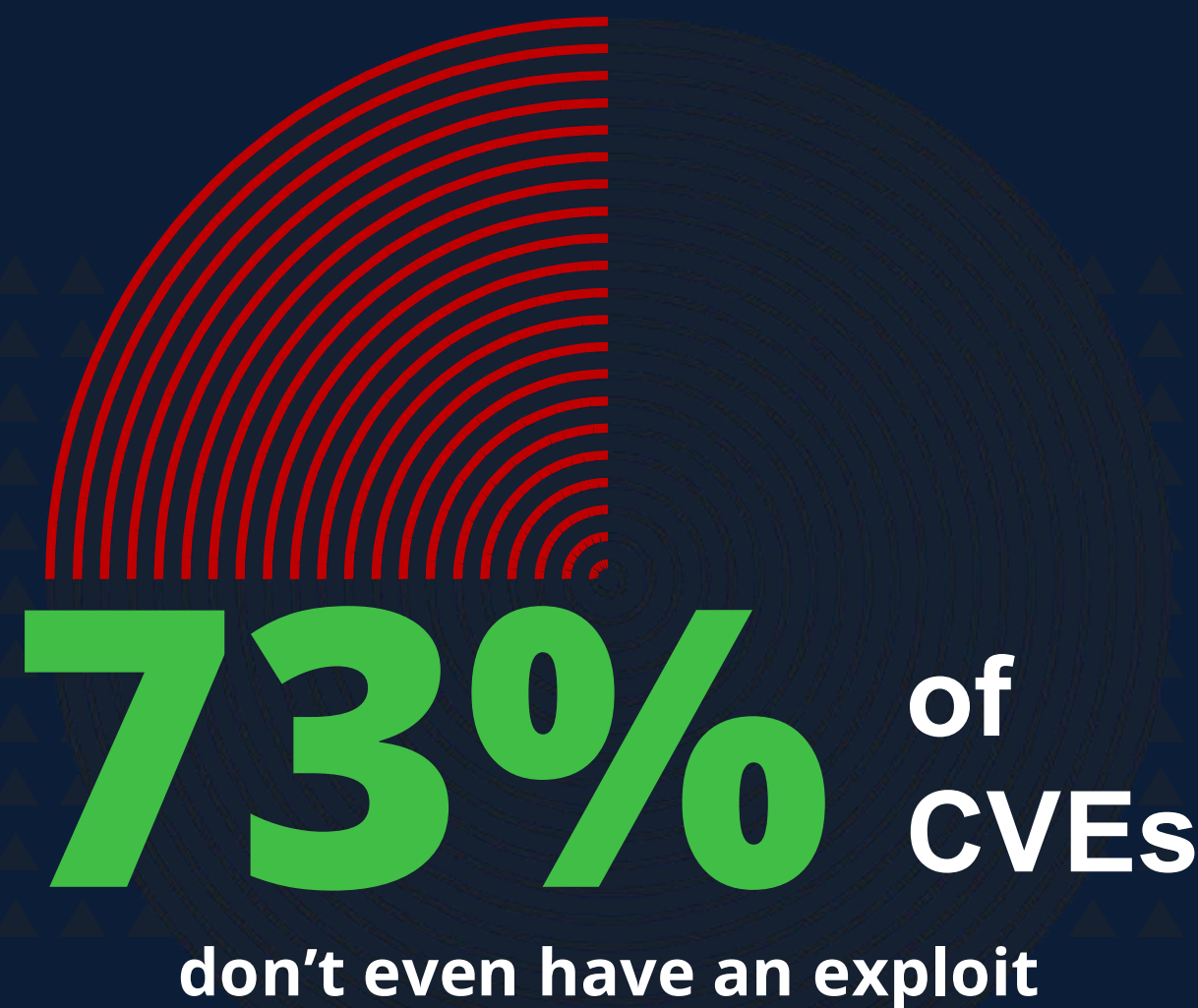


**CVE-2023-29402**  
**CVSS 9.8 Critical**



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# CVE Contextual Analysis

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

- Flags vulnerabilities that are **applicable** and **exploitable** in your organization
- Provides clear and **research-backed remediation guidance**

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Eliminates noise by focusing on **relevant vulnerabilities only**
- Improves **remediation efficiency**, eliminates wasted effort

*88% Critical and 57% High CVE scores are not as severe as indicated by the CVSS score*

CVE-2021-44228 XRAY-191654

Enriched data by JFrog Research team

Severity: Critical: CVSS V3 from NVD

CVSS Score: 10 (v3) | 9.3 (v2)

JFrog Research Severity: Critical

Contextual Analysis: Applicable

CWE:

- [CWE-20](#) Improper Input Validation
- [CWE-917](#) Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an Expression
- [CWE-400](#) Uncontrolled Resource Consumption
- [CWE-502](#) Deserialization of Untrusted Data

Component Details

Version

Fix version

JFrog Research Contextual Analysis Public Sources Impact Paths References

Why is this Applicable

The following evidences were found

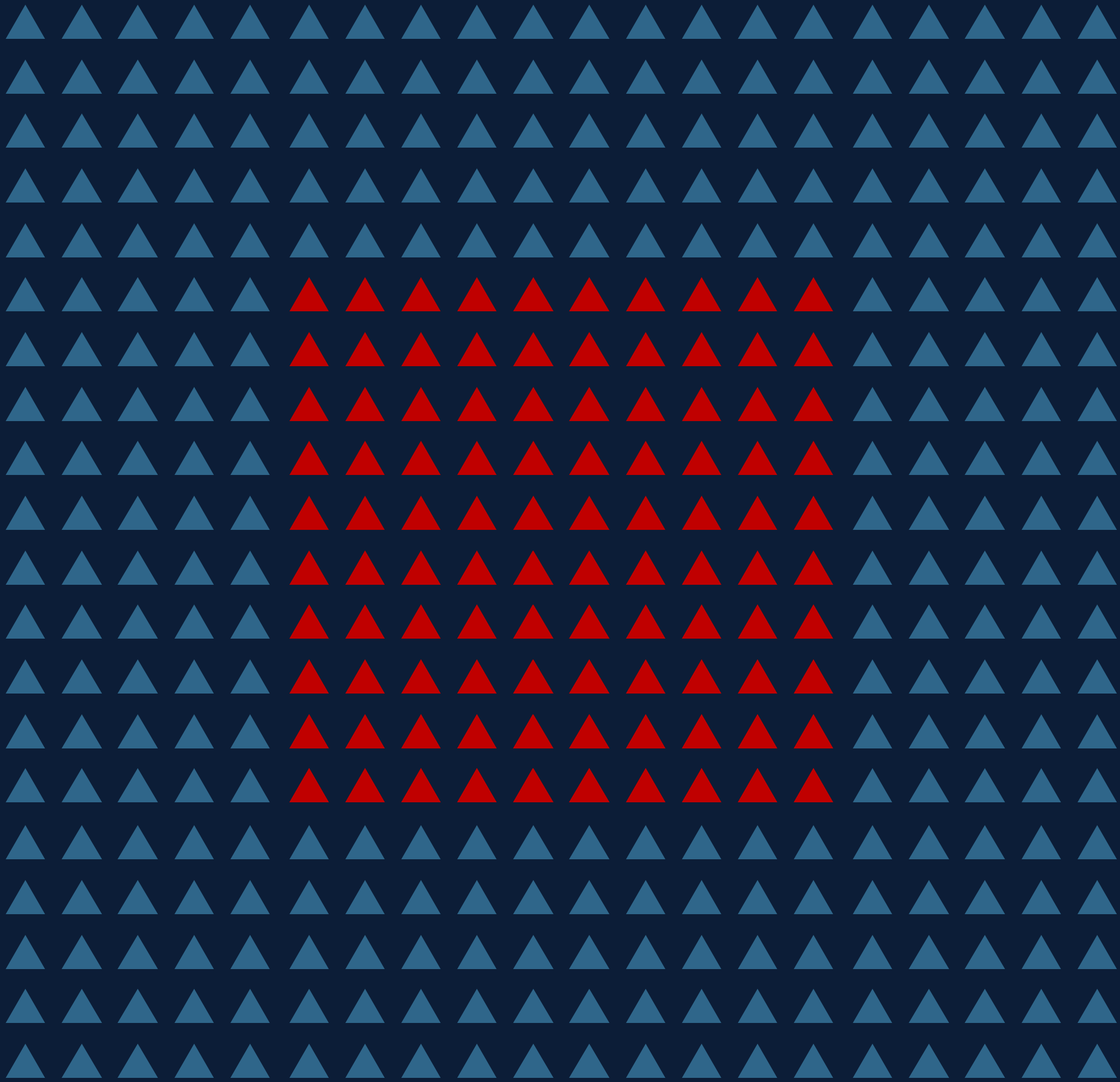
The vulnerable function info/fatal/log/warn/trace/error/debug is called with external input

Path	/project-java/Log4jSocketServer.jar/log4j-api-2.8.1.jar/org/apache/logging/log4j
Location	LogManager::<clinit>

Path	/project-java/Log4jSocketServer.jar/log4j-api-2.8.1.jar/org/apache/logging/log4j
Location	LogManager::getContext

Path	/project-java/Log4jSocketServer.jar/log4j-api-2.8.1.jar/org/apache/logging/log4j
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# JFrog Runtime

## Protect Applications in Runtime

### Complete Runtime Visibility

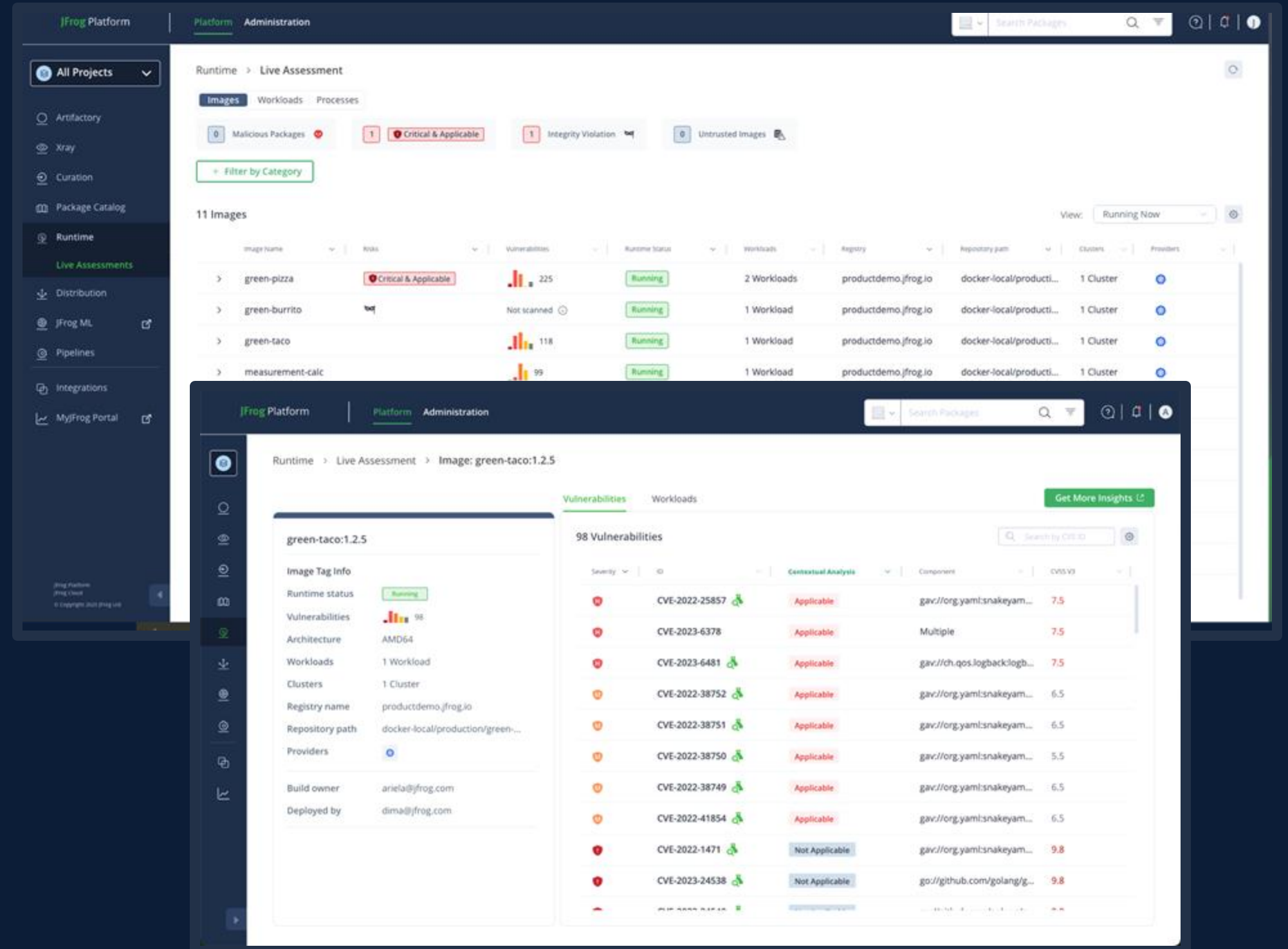
Gain a clear and contextualized view of all running applications and workloads. Ensure Runtime integrity

### Accelerated Incident Response and Prioritization

Full visibility to image ownership and deployment history

### Automated Security Enforcement & Integrity Checking

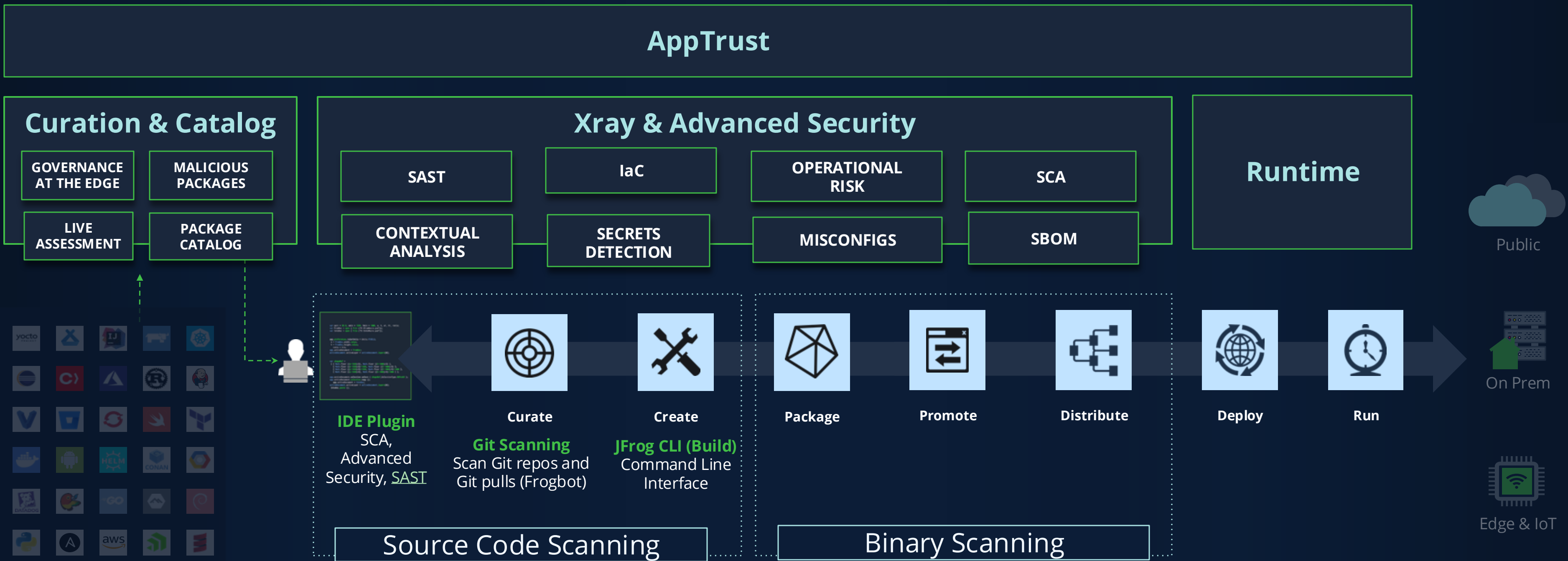
Automatically trigger security scans on active images and verify application integrity





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# End-to-end **Security** with JFrog





Thank You

